GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

EFS&T Department – Establishment of School Nurseries and Andhra Pradesh Green Corps in every School in the State - Implementation arrangements - Engaging the services of Forest Range Officers (FROs), Technical Assistants (TAs) and Data Entry Operators (DEOs) on outsourcing basis for the effective implementation of the programme in the State for a period of one year - Sanctioned - Orders - Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FOREST, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SEC.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 285 **Dated:19-10-2015**

ORDER:

Government have decided to undertake a massive tree plantation programme in the State by planting 50 crore seedlings every year to increase the forest coverage in the State up to 40% in the next 5 years, out of which 15 crore seedlings will be raised and planted by the Forest Department and the balance 35 crore seedlings will be raised and planted outside the Forest Department through all the industries and other departments / institutions. Accordingly, the following guidelines are issued which shall be followed scrupulously by all concerned.

i. 15,000 School Nurseries shall be established in Government Schools (including aided schools) having compound wall, water source and at least 1000 Sq.yards of land. The identification of the Schools shall be done jointly by the District Education Officers (DEOs) and the Divisional Forest Officers (Social Forestry) concerned. The details of each School Nursery shall be uploaded by the Divisional Forest Officers (Social Forestry) concerned in the website www.apforests.gov.in. The School Nursery will focus on raising seedlings for plantation and also on maintaining proper sanitation in the school premises.

ii. All the mandals / municipalities in the District shall be distributed among the Forest Range Officers (FROs) and Divisional Forest Officers (DFOs) of the Territorial Divisions and the Social Forestry Divisions in the District by the Conservator of Forests concerned who shall be responsible for the implementation of the programme at the range and divisional level. The Conservator of Forests at the circle level shall be responsible for the implementation of the programme and accordingly all the FROs and DFOs shall be accountable to the Conservator of Forests for the implementation of the programme.

iii. A Technical Assistant (TA) who is a Science Graduate (B.Sc./B.Sc.Ag.) shall be engaged on outsourcing basis for each mandal by the Conservator of Forests duly following the guidelines issued by the State Government (Finance SMPC Department) on outsourcing. The Technical Assistant shall be paid Rs.10,000/- per month as monthly remuneration including local transport. The monthly remuneration shall be paid subject to the achievement of targets against the milestones and performance parameters. The Technical Assistant will be responsible for the implementation and supervision of the programme at the mandal level.

iv. The services of one retired Forest Range Officer shall be engaged on outsourcing basis by the Conservator of Forests concerned at the rate of one for ten mandals and they shall be paid Rs.25,000/- per month towards the monthly remuneration including local transport. They shall be responsible for the implementation and supervision of the programme at the mandal level.

v. Andhra Pradesh Green Corps (APGC) shall be established in every school in the district including private / aided / un-aided and all the students in 6th to 10th Class in the school shall be enrolled as volunteers and the data along with photographs shall be uploaded in the website www.apforests.gov.in. by the Head Masters of the Schools concerned.

vi. Every Third Saturday of the month shall be implemented as the Green Day and activities relating to tree plantation and environment protection shall be taken up in every School by the Head Masters concerned involving the APGC volunteers. The activities will include (tree plantation / plantation maintenance / cleaning school premises / lecture on environment / debate / essay writing / painting competitions).

vii. State Plantation Day (Vana Mahotsavam) shall be celebrated twice in a year, as per the date fixed by the Government, one during the South West Monsoon and another during the North East Monsoon and at least 10 lakh seedlings will be planted on that day involving all the Andhra Pradesh Green Corps Volunteers, DWCRA / VSS members, Industries, Farmers and general public who will take the responsibility of planting and maintaining the seedlings according to their choice of location.

viii. Green Pledge shall be administered immediately after the school prayer every day to inculcate a sense of concern among the school children about tree plantation and environment protection.

ix. At the School level, the Head Master will be the School Nodal Officer and at the mandal / municipality level the Mandal Education Officer (MEO) will be the Nodal Officer. At the divisional level, the Deputy Educational Officer (Dy.EO) shall be the Nodal Officer for the implementation and supervision of the programme. At the district level, the District Education Officer shall be the Nodal Officer for the implementation and supervision of the programme.

x. The department nurseries shall be continued and shall be used as primary beds for the raising of seedlings which will be transported to the school nursery at the appropriate stage for further raising and maintenance. Local variety and species shall be preferred to make the nursery raising need based and locally responsive.

xi. The entire expenditure relating to raising of seedlings and plantations including maintenance under the programme shall be met out of MNREGS funds and accordingly administrative sanctions shall be accorded by the District Collectors concerned.

xii. The expenditure relating to the monthly remuneration payable to the Technical Assistants, Forest Range Officers and Data Entry Operators engaged on outsourcing basis shall be paid out of the MNREGS funds and wherever there is a short fall shall be met out of the funds released by the Government under the Head of Account of "M.J.H.2406 S.M.J.H.01 M.H.102 Social and Farm Forestry, G.H.11 Normal State Plan S.H. (09) Mixed Plantation and M.H. 796 Tribal Areas Sub-Plan S.H.(21) Mixed Plantation".

xiii. Decentralized Computer Centers (DCC) shall be established by the Conservator of Forests in every district to facilitate the payments under MNREGS programme and they shall procure 4 to 5 Computers for each district and engage the services of Data Entry Operators at the rate of 4 to 5 per district on outsourcing basis duly following the outsourcing guidelines as prescribed by Government.

xiv. Certificates of participation shall be issued to all the volunteers enrolled in Andhra Pradesh Green Corps at the end of their completion of 10th class in the School which will facilitate retention at the High School level.

Competitions in debate, essay writing and paintings shall be conducted among the volunteers at the school, mandal / municipality, district and state level once in a year and prizes / certificates will be distributed to the winners accordingly.

xv. The District Social Forestry Committees headed by the District Collectors concerned shall be responsible for the implementation and supervision of the programme at the district level.

xvi. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Administration) shall be the State Nodal Officer for the planning, implementation, monitoring and supervision of the programme at the State level and shall report to the State Government directly for the effective implementation of the School Nursery Programme and Andhra Pradesh Green Corps in the State.

2. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance (EBS.VII.M.A.&F) Department vide their U.O.No.2186-F/036/A2/EBS.VII MA&F/2015, Dated 23.05.2015 and Finance (HR.II) Department vide their U.O.No.20188/114/A2/ HR.II/2015, Dated 14.10.2015.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

ASHWINI KUMAR PARIDA
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force (I/C),
Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.
The Commissioner & Director of School Education, A.P., Hyderabad.
The State Nodal Officer and Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Administration),
office of the PCCF and HoFF, A.P., Hyderabad.
All the District Collectors in the State.
All the Chief Conservator of Forests / Conservator of Forests / Divisional Forest Officers (Territorial Divisions / Social Forestry Divisions) in the State.
All the District Education Officers in the State.

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Principal Secretary, School Education Department, A.P., Hyderabad.
Commissioner, Panchayat Raj & Rural Development.
Chief Executive Officer, SERP, A.P., Hyderabad.
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